IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/943,670 Confirmation No. 1117

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of this Amendment and Remarks herein.

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008 by one (1) month for a fee of \$60.00 so that the period for response is extended to July 17, 2008 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any deficiency in a required fee not already covered by the credit card payment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 11 and 18 and add new claims 27-29.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.